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SUBJECT: URANIUM ENRICHMENT SERVICES CONTRACT MODIFICATION

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1. EMBASSY INFORMED BY SEPTEMBER 28 LETTER FROM ENUSA THAT SPANISH "WILL LET THE THREE CONTRACTS EXPIRE AT THE PRESENT CONGRACTUAL DATE OF EXPIRATION SEPTEMBER 30,1977" REASON GIVEN IN LETTER FOR THIS DECISION IS FACT THAT "REACTORS THAT WERE PLANNED TO BE SUPPLIED BY THEM HAVE BEEN INDEFINITELY POSTPONED". COPY OF LETTER BEING POUCHED TO DEPARTMENT FOR DELIVERY TO ERDA.

2. EMBOFF DISCUSSED NEED FOR MODIFICATION OF CONTRACTS ON SEPTEMBER 26 WITH FRANCISCO GOMEZ MARINEZ, DIRECTOR OF PROGRAMS AND SUPPLY. ENUSA. GOMEZ SAID THAT SPANISH HAVE DECIDED TO REDUCE GOALS FOR 1985 FROM PREVIOUS 22 REACTORS TO 12 OR 13 REACTORS. INCLUDED AMONG REACTORS TO BE ELIMINATED FROM PROGRAM ARE THE THREE WHICH WERE TO HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED WITH FUEL THROUGH CONTRACTS UNDER QUESTION. THIS INFORMATION WAS LATER CONFIRMED TO EMBOFF BY DR. FRANCISCO PASCUAL, DIRECTOR GENERAL OF JUNTA DE ENERGIA NUCLEAR.

3. COMMENT: EMBASSY HAS NOT YET HAD OPPORUTNITY TO EXAMINE NEW SPANISH ENERGY PLAN, WHICH MINISTER IF INDUSTRY AND ENERGY OLIART
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DISCUSSED WITH EEC OFFICIALS ON SEPTEMBER 27 AND 28 (SEE MADRID 7235) HOWEVER WE ASSUME THAT PLAN INCLUDES REDUCTION IN 1985 GOAL FOR NUCLEAR REACTORS AS DESCRIBED ABOVE. EMBASSY HAS NOTED THAT 1974 ENERGY PLAN INCLUDED PROJECTION OF TOTAL CUMULATIVE ENRICHMENT SERVICES THROUGH 1985 OF 19,162 (10 3UTS), OF WHICH 4,792 (10 3 UTS) WERE TO BE PROVIDED UNDER "AEC CONFIDTIONAL CONTRACTS". BALANCE IS TO BE PROVIDED UNDER AEC FIRM CONTRACTS

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EMBOFF WAS TOLD BY BOTH GOMEZ AND PASCUAL THAT DECISION TO LET
THREE ERDA CONFDTIONAL CONTRACTS EXPIRE WAS NOT BASED ON
INCREASE IN CONTRACTS WITH ANY OTHER SUPPLERS INCLUDING USSR.EATON

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